

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held September 5, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"Currently, 18 of California's 42 Enterprise Zones (EZ) are set to expire between October 2006 and January 2007, including Zones in Los Angeles-Central City, Los Angeles-Alameda Corridor, Los Angeles-Northeast Valley, and Long Beach.

Some of these EZs are in the process of applying for a new zone designation with the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). While they may receive a conditional designation from HCD in a relatively short time, the steps between a conditional designation and a final designation can take many months to complete. During this gap, it is not clear whether the EZ can continue to operate, and accordingly, businesses located within those zones can continue to receive enterprise zone benefits.

"AB 1550 will solve this problem as well as improve the EZ program by allowing greater flexibility to draw EZ boundaries in a manner that best meets local economic development needs."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Executive Officer of the Board was instructed to send a five-signature letter to Governor Schwarzenegger urging him to sign Assembly Bill 1550 (Arambula and Karnette) into law, which would allow greater flexibility to the Department of Housing and Community Development to draw Enterprise Zone boundaries in a manner that best meets local economic development needs, so that businesses located within zones that are set to expire between October 2006 and January 2007 can continue to receive Enterprise Zone benefits.

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